CLAIMS

1. A microemulsion pre-concentrate comprising a difficultly soluble active agent and a carrier medium comprising

1) a hydrophilic phase which comprises dimethylisosorbide and/or a lower alkyl alkanoic ester,

2) a lipophilic phase, and

3) a surfactant.

2. A composition of claim 1 wherein the active agent is a cyclosporin or a macrolide.

3. A composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the active agent is selected from Cyclosporin A, rapamycin, 40-0-(2-hydroxy)ethyl rapamycin, 33-epi-chloro-33-desoxy-ascomycin, FK 506 or ascomycin.

4. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the hydrophilic phase comprises ethyl acetate as lower alkyl alkanoic ester.

5. A composition as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4 for oral or parenteral administration.

6. A pharmaceutical composition for enteral or parenteral administration comprising a macrolide and an acid.

7. A composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the acid is a mono-, di- or tri-carboxylic acid.

8. A composition as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 wherein the acid is selected from malonic acid, oxalic acid, citric acid and lactic acid.

9. Use of an acid to stabilise a macrolide in a pharmaceutical composition.

10. A method of stabilising a macrolide in a pharmaceutical composition, which method comprises mixing an acid with the macrolide.